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MICROCONTROLLER FOR FAULT  
SENSING AND AUTOMATIC SELF-TESTING

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants herewith transmit copies of the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449, which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

Neiger et al. patent 5,600,524 is discussed in the background of the present application at page 2, line 29 through page 3, line 9. Neiger et al. patents 5,715,125 and 6,111,733 are related continuation patents. The relevance, if any, of the remaining documents listed in Form PTO-1449 will be apparent from a review thereof.

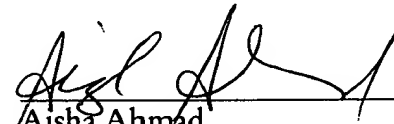
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All documents are in English or include an English abstract, and therefore, no statement of relevance is required. Also, since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is required.

The Examiner is requested to consider the attached documents in connection with the above-identified application and to return a copy of Form PTO-1449 to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided.

Submission of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission by the Applicants as to the materiality of the attached documents to the application, nor do the Applicants waive any right to challenge the validity of the documents as prior art should such action be deemed appropriate.

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